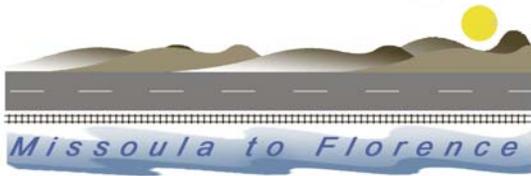


US 93 Corridor Study



US 93 Public Meeting

August 5 & 6, 2008

Project Description

The US 93 Corridor Study is being conducted by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to identify transportation improvements in the US 93 corridor between Missoula and Florence that will help meet operational requirements and user needs for the next 20 years. The planning process considers the needs of local residents in Missoula, Lolo, and Florence along with other residents and the traveling public throughout the region.

Corridor Function

- The main purpose of US 93 is the movement of people and goods.
- US 93 is functionally classified as a **Principal Arterial**.
- An arterial provides the highest level of mobility, at the highest speed, for long uninterrupted travel.

Corridor Problems

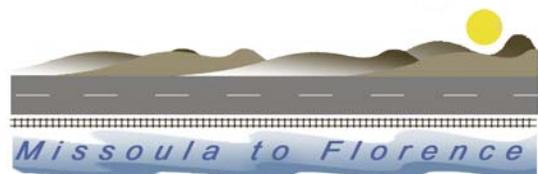
- Vehicles can move relatively smoothly through the corridor under ideal conditions. Given high **congestion** levels during peak hours of travel, any disruption of flow from an accident, inclement weather, or slow-moving vehicle could create substantial delays.
- It is difficult to **access** US 93 from side streets, especially at stop-controlled intersections.
- Long mainline **delays** are projected at the intersections of US 93 with Blue Mountain Road and Highway 203 and at signalized intersections in Lolo by 2030.

Possible Solutions

- Transit Options
- Other Options Enhancing Mode Choice
- Options Adding Vehicular Capacity
- Travel Demand Management (TDM) / Transportation System Management (TSM)
- Spot Improvements
- Policy Tools



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Recommended Options

Near-Term

Category	Option	Estimated Cost
Transit / Multi-Modal Options	1 Enhanced Vanpool / Rideshare Programs	\$5,000 to \$40,000
	2 Improved Park and Ride Facilities	\$150,000 per location
	3 Separated Bike / Pedestrian Path	\$2,200,000
Spot Improvements	1 Improved Pedestrian Crossings	\$2,500 to \$1,500,000 per location
	2 Improved Animal Crossings	\$300,000 to \$2,000,000 per location
	3 Improved Pullout Locations	\$300,000 per location
	4 Transportation Communication System	\$350,000 per location
	5 Intersection Improvements at Blue Mountain Road and Highway 203	\$450,000 per location
Policy Tools	1 Zoning	NA
	2 Corridor Preservation	
	3 Access Management	
	4 Incentive / Disincentive Programs	
	5 Incident Management	

Mid-Term

Option	Estimated Cost
1 Peak Hour Fixed Route Bus Service	\$400,000 to \$8,000,000*

*Operating costs are estimated at \$180,000

Long-Term

Option	Estimated Cost
1 All-Day Fixed Route Bus Service	NA*

*Operating costs are estimated at \$610,000

Please review the Corridor Study!

The Corridor Study document can be reviewed online at www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/us93corridor/documents.shtml or in hard copy format at the following locations:

- Lolo School Library (11395 Highway 93 South)
- Florence-Carlton School Library (5602 Old Hwy 93)
- Missoula Public Library (301 East Main)
- MDT Missoula District Office (2100 W Broadway)
- Missoula Office of Planning and Grants (435 Ryman St.)
- MDT Helena Headquarters Office (2701 Prospect Ave)

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